

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 13, 2003 has been reviewed carefully and appropriate amendments have been made to place the application in condition for allowance of claims 1 through 38. Reconsideration of the original objections and rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested on the basis of the following remarks.

Oath/Declaration

Reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested on the basis of the Initial Information Data Sheet provided with the application which identified the sole inventor's address at 680 Union Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, USA.

Drawings

An enclosed substitute formal drawing wherein Figure 1 is labeled as prior art is enclosed withdrawal of that objection is respectfully requested.

Specification

The passage objected to in numbered paragraph 3 of the Office Action has been removed by the present amendment in accordance with the Examiner's requirement.

Claim Objections

Claims 21, 22 and 35 were objected to as containing the word "about". These claims have been amended to eliminate this expression.

Claims 24 and 26 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 27 depends from claim 26. It is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn as to claims 21, 22, 24, 26, 27 and 35.

Double Patenting

The enclosed terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. patent 5,414, 259 obviates the rejection on the basis of the judicially created doctrine as to claims 1 to 24.

Claims 25, 33-38

These claims were indicated as being allowable.

Claims 16-18 and 23

These claims were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claim 1. The rejection of claim 1 on the basis of double patenting has been obviated by the enclosed terminal disclaimer thereby rendering these claims allowable.

Claims 28-32

These claims have been rewritten so as to obviate the Section 112, second paragraph rejections and are therefore allowable.

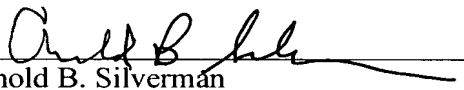
Miscellaneous

The additional art made of record, but not applied is not deemed to provide a basis for claim rejection.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing amendments to the specification and claims, it would appear that claims 1-38 are in proper form for the issuance of a Notice of Allowance and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,


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